Infrastructure at tourist spots

1993. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has recently decided to upgrade the infrastructure facilities at tourist spots to give a boost to tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether smaller tourist spots have been identified where infrastructure facilities would be provided; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and likely investments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Upgradation of infrastructure facilities at tourist spots is primarily undertaken by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism however, provides financial assistance for development of tourist destinations and circuits on the basis of project proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. During the current financial year the Ministry has sanctioned Rs. 59240.12 lakh for 248 projects upto February, 2008 for development and promotion of tourism in the country.

Medical tourism

1994. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry in coordination with the Ministry of Health is initiating any measures to promote medical tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and also state whether the said steps include developing certain cites in the country as medical tourism hubs;

(c) if so, whether any of the cities of Andhra Pradesh have been earmarked for becoming one of the above hubs of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) A Task Force headed by Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) and officials of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Tourism and experts in medical field has been constituted for promoting healthcare tourism. Ministry of Tourism has requested all the State Tourism Departments to promote medical tourism through suitable packaging of identified best hospitals and price banding for various specific treatments.

Construction of Yatri Niwas

†1995. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Yatri Niwas in different States, including Delhi, as on date location-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct Yatri Niwas in different States during this financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The State-wise and location-wise details of the Yatri Niwas sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The scheme of the Ministry of Tourism for providing Central Financial Assistance for construction of Yatri Niwas has been discontinued from the 10th Plan onwards.

Statement

Statement of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism for Yatri Niwas during 8th and 9th Plans

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of Projects	Location
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	1	(i) Karmatang
2.	Andhra Pradesh	7	(i) Arraku Valley (ii) Vishakapatnam (iii) Tirupati (iv) Yodagirigutta, (v) Horsely Hills, (vi) Tirumala-Tirupathi, (vii) Nagarjuna Sagar
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	(i) Bameng (ii) Roing (Dibang) Valley
4.	Assam	3	(i) Barpeta (ii) Bhuban Hills Silchar (iii) Batadrawa
5.	Himachal Pradesh	4	(i) Deotridh (ii) Jawalamukhi (iii) Bharmour (iv) Dharamshala
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	3	(i) Vaishno Devi (ii) Baba Rishi (iii) Patnitop
7.	Karnataka	10	(i) Dharwar (ii) Gulbarga (iii) Bijapur (iv) Maravanthe (v) Udipi (vi) Hampi (vii) Hassan (viii) Yellammanagudda (ix) Sravanabelagola (x) Talakad, Mysore
8.	Kerala	6	(i) Peermedu (ii) Calicut (iii) Malayattur (iv) Alleppey (v) Konodotti (vi) Kumily
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1	(i) Hoshangabad
10.	Maharashtra	1	(i) Jothiba, Kolhapur
11.	Manipur	1	(i) Imphal
12.	Orissa	4	(i) Puri (ii) Chandipur (iii) Satpuda (Chilka Lake) (iv) Konark
13.	Punjab	1	(i) Fatehgarh Sahib
14.	Tamil Nadu	3	(i) Rameshwaram (ii) Samayapuram (iii) Tiruvannamalai
15.	Uttarakhand	2	(i) Gauchar (ii) Guptkashi (Rudraprayag)
16	West Bengal	1	(i) New Jalpaiguri